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and mentioned the name of James Cavanaugh yesterday. In the interest of equal time, I'm going to mention Tip O'Neill. He's got his work cut out for the next seven years because I'm going to start working now to cut these programs out altogether and I'm going to find other clients and other interests and tie them all into a package. Because the way the Catholic Church works is to say, if you don't do what I want you to do on this issue, I'm going to get you kicked out of the Legislature. So if these lobbyists come here representing the Catholic Church, then their clients, their other clients, are going to know that that lobbyist is like a blotter. And when you pour ink on a blotter it spreads and it implicates areas of the blotter besides that where the drop fell exactly. So I'm going to see if these Catholic lobbyists are so dedicated and devoted that that's the only client they want to have. Now what am I saying? I'm saying that we're in politics and I can play it just like the Catholic Church can. And other people on this floor don't study history; they don't know how these churches, when they decide to intrude into the work of the state, have conducted their business, but I do know how they have conducted it. And as we proceed through the session, if it becomes necessary, I will give you the names of some of them. Senator Tyson knows and what he will wind up doing is correcting me in his acerbic manner by saying, Senator Chambers, you missed one. And I say, well, everybody can miss one. He'll say, well, you missed one during that period, but if I go through the whole period you missed about a hundred of them. See, he knows what the church and its minions have done, and there are people who studied the Jesuits as an order who will know what they have done, some of which if done today would be in violation of the law and they couldn't get away with it in this country. What some people don't realize is the tremendous competition and actually hostility and antagonism that exists between and among various orders within the church itself. Some people think that a priest is a priest is a priest, which is not true. Who do you think arrogates to themselves the name or the title "Soldiers of the Pope"? Who do you think bears that designation? Senator Wickersham's friends and Senator Tyson's friends, because they know about these people, the Soldiers of the Pope. I'm not going to ask Senator Tyson, because he's back there minding his own business and being quiet and being good the best that he